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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Bentwich et al. Art Unit: 1631

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DETECTABLE GROUP OF NOVEL August 28, 2003 VACCINIA REGULATORY GENES

AND USES THEREOF

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

Filing Date:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2006 (the "Office Action"), and in accordance with the Rule of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below. Submitted herewith is a Petition for a four-month extension of time and the requisite fee of \$2160 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5), which extends the deadline for filing a response to Wednesday, September 13, 2006.

No other fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper, however, should any fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Deposit Account No. 50-1662 referencing the above reference number.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2 of this response: Amendment to the Specification begin at page 3; and Remarks begin at page 5.